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DIST. 10 MARCH 1968

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COUNTRY: LAOS

DOI: 10 MARCH 1968 PM

SUBJECT: STATUS OF ENEMY ATTACK ON PHOU PHA THI, SITE 85

ACQ: LAOS, VIENTIANE (10 MARCH 1968)

SOURCE: [REDACTED]

1. BY ABOUT 1858 HOURS ON 10 MARCH 1968 ENEMY MORTAR
ROUNDS WERE LANDING 300 YARDS NORTH OF THE 105MM HOWITZER
POSITION AT UH 668603, NEAR THE SUMMIT OF PHOU PHA THI.
ONE M60 SOLDIER WAS KILLED AND TWO WERE WOUNDED AT THE
HOWITZER POSITION. BY 1920 HOURS A MAJOR OUTPOST ABOUT 500
YARDS FROM THE HOWITZER POSITION WAS UNDER HEAVY MORTAR
ATTACK.

2. ENEMY MORTARS WERE FIRING FROM ABOUT FOUR KILOMETERS
EAST OF PHOU PHA THI. SOME FIRE WAS FROM PHOU DEN DIN
(UH 761603) AND WAS PROBABLY FROM A 85MM FIELD GUN. SOME

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ROCKETS HAD ALSO HIT; POSSIBLY THEY HAD BEEN FIRED FROM 140MM ROCKET LAUNCHERS.

3. AT ABOUT 2100 HOURS THE COMMANDER OF LAO ARMED FORCES VOLUNTEER BATTALION 26 STATIONED AT BAN PHA THI (UH 660596) REPORTED THE ENEMY SOLDIERS WERE USING FLASHLIGHTS TO CLIMB THE MOUNTAIN LEADING TO BAN PHA THI. AT 2117 HOURS THE ENEMY WAS FIGHTING WITH DEFENDING FORCES AT THE CHOPPER PAD AT BAN PHA THI, WHICH IS ABOUT A ONE-HALF HOUR WALK FROM THE SUMMIT.

4. BY EARLY EVENING ON 10 MARCH HOUEI MA (UH 6253) HAD FALLEN TO THE ENEMY.

5. [REDACTED] DISSEM: STATE ARMY AIR USAMCV 7TH AIR FORCE CINCPAC PACFLT PACAF ARP [REDACTED]

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